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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 13TH 1909.

Nor many weeks ago we drew attention to some observations made by the Judges of the International Court at Bangkok pointing to the need of some system of registration of Chinese partnerships. The Court had been called upon to determine who were the partners in a Chinese firm which had become bankrupt. "It is a matter of great difficulty," said the Court, "to find out who the responsible partners in the firm really are—men of straw are put in as managers and found to be possessed of no means when judgment is obtained against them—and as soon as the premises are attached, people against whom there is no judgment come forward and lay claim to the property and repudiate all liability for the personal debts of the judgment debtor." Hongkong, Shanghai, and Singapore, as we said at the time, are families with these things. On many occasions the advisability of insisting on the registration of Chinese partnerships has been discussed in this Colony, but no action has been taken. It is now to overcome the difficulties arising from the difference between English and Chinese law without prejudicing the flow of capital from China into the business life of the Colony. A paragraph in the *Daily Press* a few days ago mentioned that the Chinese Commercial Union of Hongkong has again taken the subject into consideration. At a meeting held last week a resolution was unanimously passed in favour of the registration of partnerships, with the proviso that the partners' liabilities should be in

proportion to the amount of capital subscribed by each, and that "after the passing of the Ordinance those who prefer to do so should be allowed to use the long name and have their share registered in the name of their representative, who should be held liable." It was agreed that before replying to the Law Society's request for information, the resolution should be circulated among the Chinese in order that a popular opinion may be obtained.

The question was raised in the Colony as far back as 1874, when the Chinese community presented a petition to the Government, calling attention to the want of a system of registration of Chinese partners, and suggesting that such a system should be introduced. A draft Ordinance was published, and though the Chinese community appeared to be unanimous in their desire that the Bill should become law in so far as it related to the registration of Chinese partnerships, the Government declined to submit the draft Ordinance to the consideration of the Legislative Council on the following grounds:—(1) Because it was doubtful whether the measure would have carried out the objects at which it aimed; (2) because to follow capitalists who lived out of the Colony, and whose property was out of the Colony was impracticable; (3) because it would be legislating for a few whose aim was virtually the destruction of competition; (4) because the exceptional registration of Chinese merchants would be unjust; (5) any such espionage would have the effect of checking those combinations amongst the Chinese residing at Canton, Amoy and elsewhere, which are calculated to stimulate and strengthen their trade at Hongkong; and, finally, that any interference whatever with the freedom of trade would be at variance with the general policy of the Government. Only three years later, namely, in 1878, the Chamber of Commerce represented to the Government that "the publication and registration of the members of Chinese hongs in this Colony is much called for." "The members composing foreign firms," wrote the Hon. Mr. W. Keewick, as Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, "are made known, and it cannot be requiring too much of the Chinese mercantile community in this Colony to conform to a rule which is voluntarily followed by other nations, but which they decline to observe." As we have shown, the Chinese mercantile community had actually petitioned for such an ordinance four years previously. The Government sent to the Chamber of Commerce a statement of the objections recorded in 1875 by the local Government to such an Ordinance, and the matter appears to have been allowed to drop for a time. But it was revived in 1881 by the Governor of the day (Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY) in a speech in which he mentioned the proposal and said he declined to accede to it because some of the leading Chinese bankers and others to whom, acting on his "usual principle," he had mentioned it, pointed out "that the Chinese system of trading would be completely upset by it—that there is an extraordinary net work of investments in this Colony, as in any other community of Chinese, and that it would interfere seriously with Chinese trade, and, in fact, tend to prevent the influx of Chinese into the Colony." Yet in the very next year we find the Chinese community presenting a petition signed by 68 well-known Chinese and chopped by 104 hongs calling attention to the evils "arising from the want of a system of registration of Chinese partners," and submitting certain propositions which they prayed might receive legislative sanction. The Registrar-General was of opinion that both petitions in favour of registration had been prepared in panic, the latest arising from heavy losses in house speculation; and he suggested that it might be well to let the over-speculation cure itself. Accordingly nothing more was heard of the subject till 1891, when it was once more brought up by the Chamber of Commerce, in the form of a recommendation in connection with a Bill to amend the law relating to Bankruptcy. They expressed the opinion that to render this Bill more completely applicable to local requirements it should be preceded or supplemented by a Bill making compulsory the registration of individual members of Chinese firms trading in the Colony. Nothing, however, appears to have been done in this direction. The subject, however, had been engaging the attention of the Government of the Straits Settlements, and in 1894 the Government procured from the Straits a copy of the Ordinance which had been drafted there, together with copies of the printed papers connected with the subject. Opinion was

as much divided on the subject in the Straits as in Hongkong, and the Bill did not go beyond its second reading. Meanwhile the Acting Chief Justice of Hongkong had been making representations to the Governor that a system of limited partnerships in commandite would be of great use here and would readily be adopted, but after hearing from the Straits Government, the Governor, on the advice of the Attorney General (Mr. POZLOK at that time), decided that nothing further should be done "for the present." Once more the Chamber of Commerce reopened the question in 1900, and a Committee of Inquiry was appointed. This Committee unanimously decided, "though for different reasons," that it would be inadvisable to introduce the suggested legislation. This was thought to be the last word on the subject for a generation to come, but successive Judges have not ceased to comment on the need of some system of registration, and now we have the Chinese mercantile community and apparently the Hongkong Law Society reopening the question. There has never been much difference of opinion as to the desirability of registration; the problem has been, as we have said, to evolve a practical scheme to overcome the difficulties arising from the difference between English and Chinese law without prejudicing the flow of capital from China into the business life of the Colony.

The Hongkong Race Meeting has been fixed for the 15th, 16th and 17th February.

The United States cruiser *Pennsylvania* and *West Virginia*, each of 14,500 tons, reached Hongkong yesterday from Manila.

Mr. T. H. King has been appointed to discharge the duties of Superintendent of Imports and Exports during the absence on leave of Lieut. C. W. Beckwith, R.N.

Yesterday large congregations attended St. John's Cathedral to hear the special sermons preached on behalf of the Church Missionary Society. Bishop Ingham, Secretary of the C.M.S., was the preacher in the morning and Bishop Lander in the evening.

An extract of meteorological observations made at Hongkong Observatory during the month of November shows the average maximum temperature for that month to have been 75.5 and the average minimum temperature 65.4 degrees. The rainfall was 0.65 of an inch, and there were 187.1 hours of sunshine.

The Russian Government, it is announced, has handed the Chinese Government 600,000 roubles as compensation for the losses which the Chinese merchants in Vladivostok suffered during the Russo-Japanese War. It is said that the Chinese will get back about 20 per cent. of their loss.

The *On Lee*, owned by the See Yip steamship Company, yesterday made her third pleasure trip to Macao. She is a new vessel capable of accommodating over 100 passengers and runs on week days to Kowloon, making the trip to Macao every Sunday. The *On Lee* does the journey to the Portuguese settlement in three and a half hours and is well equipped for the convenience of European and Chinese passengers. The fare is remarkably low, being \$1.20 first class each way.

Forty-five tons of prepared opium were seized last week at Manila on board the German mail steamer *Prinz Sigismund*, which had arrived in the port from Australia. The drug was found in the possession of a Filipino labourer, who attempted to smuggle the contraband goods ashore. Captain Lenz, of the *Prinz Sigismund*, it is stated, got to know of the illegal transaction and aided the customs authorities in the seizure of the stuff by notifying the members of the inspector's division on duty on board the vessel, who made the arrest. This is the first time a seizure of opium has been made by the customs on board a vessel coming from ports other than Hongkong.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council.—Ordinance No. 40 of 1909.—An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Trade Marks; Ordinance No. 41 of 1909.—An Ordinance to exempt Crown Lands granted in respect of Foreshore and submerged lands in the New Territories from a certain condition imposed under the Foreshore and Sea Bed Ordinance, 1901; Ordinance No. 42 of 1909.—An Ordinance to amend the Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance, 1903; and Ordinance No. 43 of 1909.—An Ordinance to amend the Order and Cleanliness Ordinance, 1897.

A remarkable story is related by Japanese papers in Seoul to the effect that three Koreans of unimpeachable appearance presented themselves at the Residency and stated that they had been engaged in mining in co-operation with twenty others for many years and had accumulated gold dust to the value of about 400,000 yen. They asked for advice as to the best way of disposing of the gold. Rather doubtful of the accuracy of the story an official went to the place where they said the gold was stored and was astonished to find the statement made quite true. Whereupon the authorities made careful inquiry, and it was decided that the gold should be sent to the Osaka Mint. It appears that these Koreans collected the gold dust from rivers having veins of the ore in their upper reaches and by digging ground over which rivers formerly ran.

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THE BRITISH ELECTION
CAMPAIGN.

MR. ASQUITH'S PRONOUNCEMENT.

LONDON, December 11th.
An enthusiastic Liberal demonstration has been held in the Albert Hall, London.

Mr. Asquith had a tremendous reception. He asked the electorate for authority to place on the Statute Book an explicit recognition that the House of Lords had no right to meddle with questions of finance.

He declared that the abolition of the absolute veto of the House of Lords must be accompanied by a shortening of the life of the House of Commons to five or even to four years.

The only solution of the Irish problem was full self-government in purely Irish affairs, with safeguards for the supremacy of the Imperial Parliament.

MR. BALFOUR'S MANIFESTO.

Mr. Balfour's manifesto declares that the attack on the House of Lords is the culmination of a long-drawn conspiracy on the part of the Liberal Government for a Single-Chamber Legislature similar to that of Greece. The conspirators wish to be independent not only of the Peers, but of the people, and Mr. Balfour declares that no advance in the solution of the problems of the Empire will be possible until a Party is returned to power prepared to press Tariff Reform to the utmost.

THE GERMAN LOAN.

LONDON, December 11th.
In the Reichstag the Treasurer announced that a loan of 26 millions sterling, due to previous deficits, would be raised gradually to prevent any disturbing of the money market.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

LONDON, December 11th.
The Imperial Chancellor, Herr Bethman-Hollweg, in the course of a notable speech in the Reichstag, expressed a sincere desire for good Anglo-German relations. The more freely and loyally this attitude was expressed, he said, the better would it be for both countries.

SHORTAGE OF COTTON.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN THE COTTON MARKETS.

LONDON, December 11th.
The Report of the United States Bureau shows the cotton crop to be 200,000 bales below the most sanguine expectation of the bulls.

This report has caused record excitement in the New York and Liverpool markets and prices are soaring.

NEW ITALIAN CABINET.

LONDON, December 12th.
Signor Sonnino has formed a Liberal coalition Cabinet.

MOROCCO AND THE CONGO.

VIEWS OF GERMANY'S FOREIGN MINISTER.

LONDON, December 12th.
Herr von Schoen, Minister for Foreign Affairs, speaking in the Reichstag, emphasised the good results of Franco-German co-operation in Morocco, and bore testimony to the disinterested action of France.

Herr Schoen also declared that the Belgian Government's scheme of reforms for the Congo, if loyally carried out, would contribute to the welfare of the natives and achieve free trade for all nations in the Congo.

A CUSTOMS PROSECUTION.

Before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at the Magistracy on Saturday Mr. T. H. King, the acting Superintendent of Imports and Exports, proceeded against a Chinese woman for selling liquor without a licence, and against two men for assaulting an excise officer.

Complainant informed the Court that some Chinese revenue officers, acting under instructions from Revenue Officers Wilden and MacKenzie, boarded the *Siberia* and had a conversation with the female defendant. One of the officers asked for a bottle of beer and the defendant sent a small boy down to the firemen's quarters to procure one. The European revenue officers saw the beer produced, and the money paid for it, and thereupon placed the woman in charge of a Chinese officer. While inquiring about the woman from the chief officer, a gang of coolies assaulted the excise officer and released his prisoner, who was subsequently re-arrested. The two male defendants were the ringleaders.

After hearing the evidence his Worship fined each of the defendants \$50, the alternative being two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

THE COLONY'S FINANCES.

The financial statement issued by the Colonial Treasurer for the month of September shows a balance of assets and liabilities on 31st August of \$481,083.73, and this, plus the revenue for September, \$589,699.10, gives a total of \$970,782.83. Deducting the expenditure for September, \$193,567.25, the credit balance stands at \$777,215.58.

The statement of the Colony's assets and liabilities places the total assets at \$978,812.81 and the total liabilities at \$301,197.23. The reimbursement due by railway construction account on December 31st, 1908, is \$1,356,136.50, and with the credit balance for 1909 deducted it stands at \$1,004,567.39. Adding the previously mentioned credit balance of \$777,215.58 the balance of assets (General Account) now stands at \$1,682,182.97.

INDIA'S OPIUM REVENUE.

A curious state of things has arisen in consequence of the restriction under the Secretary of State's orders of the exports of Malwa opium from Bombay. The limit allowed to be exported in 1910 was booked, it will be remembered, several months ago, and during the past few weeks there has been an extraordinary rush to get priority of shipment for 1911, for which year the limit of the number of chests to be exported has not yet been fixed. In the first thirteen days of November in Malwa 17,000 chests passed the scales, the duty of Rs. 600 being paid on each chest so that in all over a crore of rupees has reached the Government Treasury. This gigantic speculation has tightened the money market all round and at the same time has replenished the Government exchequer for the time being, though it represents, of course, only the forestalling of what would ordinarily have been the revenue of the year after next. The result is to bring the opium receipts for a year which in October were fifty lakhs behind the estimates up to fifty lakhs ahead. It also makes it probable that should cotton now begin to move as the excellence of the harvest of this staple renders probable the Government of India's year will close with a small surplus instead of with the deficit that has hitherto seemed inevitable.

A TONG WAR IN SAN FRANCISCO.

A KIND OF CLASSIC TRAGEDY.

The tong war now being waged, says a San Francisco paper, is a Chinese version of the old tale of the Montagues and Capulets. Two clans in our Oriental quarter, "both alike in dignity," the Yees and the On Yicks, had treated each other with something of high disdain; but in the heart of a maiden of the Yees there was a tender sentiment for a young clansman of the On Yicks, and this being reciprocal the two clans joined together, while the families stayed behind to shed each other's blood. All the yellow Tybalt and Mercutio, Benvolios and Parisies are out of their dark alleys and, as in old Verona, there are wounds given and received which, though not as "wide as church doors" or deep as "wells," are indeed "enough!" To-day the Yees are falling; to-morrow the On Yicks are gathered to their fathers. Will the slant-eyed Romeo and the little-footed Juliet continue the tragedy to the accepted end and bring on a family reconciliation over their common tomb? Or will the war not cease until all the long-queued Montagues and Capulets are passed from nature to eternity or held in durance vile? It is an ancient tale that is being enacted here, as in the Verona of the play. Its plot may have been old to the Romans; it may have been familiar to the Phoenicians; and its theme may have been tangled with the romances of the Nile. The feud of rival families, the loves that should have softened it, the anger and the clash and the catastrophes—these have been the setting of tragedies as old as the human race itself.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C. & M. str. *Zafiro* left Manila on the 11th instant, and is due here to-day at 4 p.m.
The L.G.M. str. *Prinz Ludwig* left Shanghai on the 11th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow at 7 a.m.
The P. & O. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Manchuria* sails from Yokohama December 14th en route to Hongkong via Nagasaki and Manila, and is scheduled to arrive at this port December 23rd.
The N.Y.K. steamer *Bingo Mori* (Bomlay Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 7th instant, and is expected here on the 16th inst.
The N.Y.K. str. *Hirano Maru* (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 11th instant, and is expected here on the 20th inst.
The N.Y.K. str. *Kumano Maru* (Australia Line) left Yokohama for this port via Kobe, Moji and Nagasaki on the 11th instant, and is expected here on the 21st inst.
The N.Y.K. str. *Yawata Maru* (Australia Line) left Thursday Island for this port via Manila on the 10th inst., and is expected here on the 21st inst.
The N.Y.K. str. *Mitsushima Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 9th instant, and is expected here on the 15th inst.
The N.Y.K. str. *Ceylon Maru* (Bomlay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst., and is expected here on the 15th inst.
The A.P.M. str. *Catherine Apat* from Calcutta left Singapore on the 10th instant p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 17th inst.

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RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

What weather for odds! The varying temperatures make it difficult to know what to wear and the result is that few are immune from rhum some where.

The past week has been remarkable for showing the great number of people in our midst who are at loggerheads with each other. The members of the Sanitary Board are still divided over the cemetery question, the Legislative Council is not unanimous with regard to giving greater facilities for litigants obtaining special justice when asked, one of the magistrates and a solicitor had a serious difference of opinion the other day as to whose name should appear as prosecutor in a certain case, and then we have the case against the excisemen for assault in which some sharp divisions of opinion have already been made apparent. And Christmas is coming too, when we want to be at peace with all men.

Writing naturally leads the thoughts to scribbles, and their usefulness in supplying us with the day's pabulum. At the Supreme Court the other day a barrister asked a witness if he had seen a letter before it was written, and when the absurdity of his question dawned upon him he blushed and was heard to remark that it was a merciful dispensation of Providence that no reporters were present to note his bull. There might not have been any newspaperman, as they are called in America, present, but the incident was not allowed to go unreported. The omniscient, omnipotent, ubiquitous reporter learned the story and the barrister's thankfulness was perhaps a little premature.

Training of the griffins has already commenced at the Happy Valley and not a few folks come back to breakfast with healthy appetites. It is too early yet however to spot any winner.

We are becoming quite Scottish in our public house reform. The new liquor bill contains a provision which has apparently been unnoticed. It certainly evoked no comment. Barnards are to be abolished, and the public house loses one of its chief attractions. Many men like chaff with their beer and beer with their chaff. But doubtless the counter attractions to be provided will be found more valuable than what they have replaced.

The Government seem to be favorably disposed to the publichouse system which places it in the control of a private company whose profits shall not exceed a certain figure. Disinterested management sounds all right but it has to be borne in mind that disinterested management is not always disinterested. I have read criticisms of the systems in Sweden and Norway in which it was pointed out that the members of the company, having profits to distribute to local charitable and other institutions, acquired an undue social and political importance. Should the experiment be tried here it is proposed that the profits should go to the improvement of the public house itself. It certainly seems a sensible proposition that those who make the profits possible should reap the advantage.

From what I know locally I should say that Hongkong was emulating the Homeland in another respect. I refer to the decrease in drinking. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has admitted that the effect of the whisky tax was not only that people were drinking less but that many had dropped it altogether. In some districts in Ireland the drinking had gone down by 70 per cent. and in Scotland it had gone down by 50 per cent. It was unaccountable, he said, that people had not been driven from one kind of liquor to another but had been driven out of liquor altogether. Mr. Lloyd George did not attempt to take any credit to himself for the improvement, from the social point of view, which had ensued. This improvement was something gigantic. It is yet too soon to speak of the effects of the liquor duties in the Colony, but it is well known that the consumption of liquor has decreased, a fact which is explained not only by moderation among drinkers but to several having taken the resolution to "go on the water wagon."

Now that the Public Works Department has decided upon the experiment of laying wood paving in Ice House Street, the moment seems opportune to suggest that the local traffic Authority should impose regulations requiring vehicles in that "usually busy thoroughfare" being propelled at walking speed. Only the other day I saw a lady jostled in a group of rickshaws and opium trucks, usually to be found ranged where the sidewalk should be, and the result of the encounter was that her dress was entirely destroyed by coming in contact with the greasy axles.

That is only one aspect of the state of affairs. The danger to life and limb from the same source must not be overlooked, and the inconvenience suffered by pedestrians generally in that thoroughfare has only to be mentioned to be appreciated.

I have not yet heard of any enterprising capitalist providing Tai-po with hotel accommodation in view of the traffic which is certain to develop with the opening of the railway. June was the date reckoned on for the opening of the railway, but I understand it is not improbable that trains will be run from one end of the British section to the other within the next three months, and that though the line might not then be open to general traffic it may be possible to run a few passenger trains at the week end. It is time then for somebody to be thinking about catering for the wants of travellers. A costly caravanserai is not required, but a "house of refreshment" with a few tennis courts and bowling greens ought to be a remunerative enterprise. Here's a chance for the new Licensing Board.

ROBERT RANDOM.

LOCAL SPORT.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

First Division.

R.G.A., 3. Kowloon, 0.

Watts (3), Hewitt (1).

R.E., 1. Brown (1).

Sullivan (3), Wilks (2).

Second Division.

83 Coy. R.G.A., 8. Moslem, 0.

Cain, (3), Robinson (2).

Kavanagh (1), Burns (1), Evans (1).

Lusitano, 1. B.O.C., 1.

Remedios (1), Muskat (1).

Navy League.

H.M.S. King Alfred, 3. H.M.S. Flora, 1.

Reid (2), Leo (1).

Laughlin (1).

OTHER FOOTBALL.

H.M.S. Monmouth, 0. H.K.F.C., 0.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

Telegraphs, 77 (for 3). Kowloon, 69.

Civil Service, 54. Craigengower, 41.

H.K.C.C., 164. R.G.A., 109.

OTHER CRICKET.

Kowloon, 79. Watson's, 64.

POLO.

Buffs beat R.G.A.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

First Division.

NAVAL YARD v. R.E.

Contrary to expectations this match took place on Saturday afternoon. The Sappers are to be complimented in acting in the sportsman-like manner in putting a team of untried players on the field, and in putting up such a good fight with ten men. The teams were:

N.Y.—Anderson, Bryce and Barry, Dunlevy, Brown and Henning, Rochford and Pascoe; Wilks, Sullivan and Dalziel.

R.E.—Barber, Scarlett and Smith; Best, Bennett and Harrison; Willsher and Brown; Brown and Smith.

Play opened in favour of the Yarders, and it was not long before they were besieging the Engineers' citadel. The opportunity of getting away that Sullivan kept manœuvring for was not long in coming, and he took full advantage of it, beating Barber at close range. Before the interval arrived Wilks added to the Yarders' total by heading the ball into the net from a pass by Dalziel. Wilks and Sullivan each added a goal early in the second half, making the score four to nil. The Sappers had been very dispirited in their forward play, but they warmed to their work, and the Yard defence had some difficulty in keeping them at bay. Brown with an individual run from the centre line took the ball into the Yarders' goal area, and scored the only goal for the soldiers. From a penalty kick taken by Sullivan the total for the home team reached five, and the game ended with the scores: N.Y., 5; R.E., 1.

R.G.A. v. KOWLOON.

This match took place on the Military Ground. The teams were:

R.G.A.—Bosley, Oxley and West; Walker, Lt. Bagnall and Hewitt; Crump and Ansell; Watts, Nash and Bellis.

Kowloon.—Foulkes; Van Ginkel and Clements; Morris, Blackburn and Wilkie; Hedley and Wessier; Brown, Wilkie and Mead.

The Gunners opened the game in a most sensational manner. From the kick-off the ball was passed to Bellis, and he contrived to Watts from touch, the latter heading the ball past Foulkes, without one of the Kowloon players having touched it. The actual time taken to score the goal was 22 seconds. The play during the first half was mostly confined to the visitors' half, and but for the one man play of Watts the Gunners would certainly have had more goals to their credit.

Early in the second moiety Mead made a good run and contrived to Brown, but Bagnall was one too many for the latter and the situation was saved. Following up a pass by Van Ginkel Wilkie centred Bosley, only to find him all on the alert. A centre from Crump was converted by Watts, who with a drive at short range nearly tore the net. A long kick by Hewitt was mis-kicked by Van Ginkel, and to the discomfort of the visiting team the ball went past Foulkes into goal. Watts scored a fourth, but was ruled offside. The whistle for time sounded with the home team pressing and the scores: R.G.A., 3; Kowloon, 0.

LEAGUE TABLE.

Goals.

R.G.A. 8 8 0 0 25 4 16

Buffs 8 7 1 0 32 5 14

R.E. 9 2 5 2 19 25 6

Kowloon 9 2 6 0 15 28 6

Naval Yard 8 3 5 1 12 20 5

H.K.F.C. 8 1 6 1 7 27 3

SCORING ANALYSIS.

Teams.

H.K.F.C. 1-3 1-3 0-0 1-1 0-6

K.F.C. 0-3 0-5 0-2 0-3 1-6

N.Y.F.C. 3-1 2-0 1-0 1-1 1-4

R.G.A. 2-0 3-0 1-1 2-2 1-3

R.E. 1-1 2-2 6-4 2-6 1-3

Buffs 6-0 2-0 8-0 1-2 3-1

Second Division.

83 COY. v. MOSLEM.

This match was played at Lyemun, and resulted in a runaway victory for the home team by eight goals to nil.

LUSITANO v. R.O.C.

Played on the Military Ground this match was quite the most keenly contested of the day. Remedios scored for Lusitano in the first half, and the score stood at this till a few seconds from the end, when Muskat equalised for the B.O.C.

This match should have taken place on the Parade Ground, but as the Stenographers' men were unable to raise a team the points are awarded to B. Coy.

LEAGUE TABLE.

Goals.

P. W. L. D. For Agt. Pts.

83 Coy. 6 1 0 25 12

B. Coy. 8 4 1 1 26 5 13

87 Coy. 6 4 1 1 8 6 9

R.O.C. 7 2 3 0 9 7 6

A. Coy. 5 2 3 0 9 7 6

Lusitano 8 0 5 3 4 26 4

Moslem 6 0 5 1 2 23 1

SCORING ANALYSIS.

Teams.

R.O.C. 1-1 1-1 0-2 0-3 1-8 0-4 0-6

Lusitano 0-6 1-1 1-0 0-2 0-2 1-1

Moslem 0-1 2-0 9-1 1-0 1-0 3-1 2-2

83 Coy. 3-0 3-0 2-0 0-1 0-4 0-2 8-0

87 Coy. 3-0 8-1 2-0 0-1 4-0 3-0 3-0

A. Coy. 6-0 1-3 2-0 0-3 0-1

B. Coy. 1-0 4-1 2-2 8-0 0-3 1-0

Navy League.

H.M.S. "KING ALFRED" v. H.M.S. "FLORA."

Great interest was taken in this match by the large crowd of spectators who lined the field. The teams were:

King Alfred.—Tagwell; Carlyle and Haw; McBean, Bevan and Richardson; Steele and Fleming; Reid; Lee and Hobbs.

The first goal of the match was scored by Reid, who got away on his own, passing the defence and putting the leather past Pettit, into the corner of the goal net. Laughlin equalised by scoring with a magnificent drive at long range. Fleming had hard lines with a header, but the interval arrived without further scoring.

Resuming, the men from the flagships were soon aggressive, and in an attack on the Flora territory, Reid was laid low in the penalty area. Reid took the kick and gave Pettit no chance to save. This reverse acted as a stimulant to the losers, and from the kick-off play was for some time confined to the flagships' goal area. Two fruitless corners resulted and play was transferred by Steele to the other end where Reid beat Pettit with the third and last goal for his team. Only the bad shooting of the Flora quintette prevented further scoring, and the game ended in a win for King Alfred with the score: King Alfred, 3; Flora, 1.

OTHER FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. v. H.M.S. "MONMOUTH."

These teams met on the Club Ground on Saturday. The teams were:

H.K.F.C.—Goggin; E. F. Aucott and J. McCubbin; H. W. Kilby, R. C. Barlow and W. F. Ricketts; A. Aitchison and I. Goldenberg; A. Hamilton; J. D. Danby and Whitmarsh.

Monmouth.—Green; Hold and Bolt; Edwards, Henderson and Rose; Forsyth and Maclean; Higham; Taylorson and Gwynne.

That interest, from a spectator's point of view, is not confined to matches in competitions was evident from the number of spectators who lined the field when the Club kicked off facing the Pavilion end. Play at the commencement was very much in favour of the sailors. McLean and Forsyth each testing Goggin. From a combined run by Hamilton and Whitmarsh the ball was passed out to Goldenberg, but he, with goal and goalkeeper at his mercy, put the ball right into the hands of the latter. Half-time arrived without any goals being scored. The sailors opened strongly in the second half, and a run by Taylorson was put past the upright by Forsyth. Both teams tried hard to score, but without result, and the game ended in a goalless draw.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

TELEGRAPHS AND DODWELLS' v. KOWLOON.

This League match was played at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon, and resulted in a win for the Telegraphs and Dodwells. Scores:

Kowloon C.C.

Mead, b Shields 3

Sutton, b Oliver 9

Brown, run out 9

Robinson, b Oliver 9

McKenzie, b Oliver 9

Richardson, b Oliver 9

Wessier, b Oliver 9

Curwen, b Oliver 9

Powell, b Oliver 9

Elson, not out 9

Fond, b Shields 13

Extras 13

Total 69

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.

R. E. H. Oliver 10 1 28 7

C. E. Shields 8 4 1 16 2

A. H. Young 4 1 13 1

TELEGRAPHS AND DODWELLS' C.C.

E. C. Oliver, b Robinson, b Curwen 34

R. E. H. Oliver, not out 21

W. Manning, b Powell, b Curwen 16

C. T. Hoss, b Robinson, b Curwen 12

Extras 3

Total for 3 wickets 77

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.

Brown 5 0 24 0

Wessier 3 3 19 0

Curwen 2 0 21 0

Total 10 3 64 0

CRAIGENGOWER v. CIVIL SERVICE.

This League match was played on Saturday last and won by the latter club. The following are the scores:

CIVIL SERVICE.

R. O. Hutchison, b Postonji 11

A. R. Eason, b Postonji 13

E. A. Bell, b Postonji 13

H. T. Jackson, b Postonji 13

H. Ellis, b Postonji 13

J. MacEwen, b Postonji 13

A. Thornhill, b Postonji 13

R. Bullock, b Postonji 13

P. T. Lambie, b Postonji 13

E. Dawson, b Postonji 13

L. E. Brett, not out 11

Extras 11

Total 54

CRAIGENGOWER.

W. H. Vireash, b Hutchison 5

H. W. Peterson, b Hutchison 5

P. Currie, run out 5

R. Postonji, b Lambie, b Hutchison 1

J. A. Ross, b Hutchison 1

J. D. Norris, b Hutchison 1

J. W. Stewart, run out 12

R. Eason, not out 8

O. M. R. T. Thomson 1

R. Postonji, b Brett 8

A. S. Gomes, Jr., b Brett 4

Extras 4

Total 41

H.K.F.C. v. R.G.A.

This League fixture played on the Club Ground ended in an easy win for the home team. Scores:

R.G.A.

Capt. Bosley, b MacKenzie, b Leith 0

Capt. Goggin, b Hagen, b Leith 27

Capt. Clapham, b Pearce, b Leith 24

Gunner Fuller, b Irving, b Pearce 1

Lt. Chapman, b Clapham, b Pearce 1

H. H. Hancock, b Clapham, b Pearce 14

Maj. Logan, b Hancock, b Leith 21

Gunner Fitzgerald, b Turner, b Pearce 6

Bdr. Winkworth, run out 1

Maj. Kieckhefer and Gunner Swatton did not bat.

Extras 1

Total 104

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.

Winkworth 12 1 35 5

Hagen 3 0 22 0

Pearce 9 1 40 8

KOWLOON "A" v. WATSON'S C.C.

These teams met for the second time this season on Saturday, and as on the previous occasion, Kowloon defeated the Watsons, but only by 15 runs.

As the requirements of the first eleven has somewhat depleted the second team, Kowloon had to requisition the services of three spectators. They went in first and knocked up 79, Chase contributing a very useful 18. The analysis of the bowlers was: Taylor 4 for 26, Spurge 2 for 33, Craik 4 for 13.

Watson's failed to reach the mediocre total of their opponents, their usual scorers all failing. Johnston and Edwards both bowled well, the analysis reading: Johnston 4 for 23, Edwards 4 for 29, Goldsmith 0 for 6, Somerville 2 for 0.

KOWLOON "A"

Jeffries, b Spurge 5

Green, b Taylor 14

Gillman, b Craik 0

Somerville, b Spurge 10

Johnston, b Taylor 13

Goldsmith, b Craik, b Taylor 18

Craik, b Johnston 17

Edwards, not out 11

Lee, b Spurge, b Taylor 1

Sgt. Port, b Taylor 0

Capt. Goldsmith, b Craik 0

Extras 9

Total 79

WATSON'S C.C.

Spurge, b Edwards 1

Robins, b Goldsmith, b Edwards 0

Gillman, b Craik 0

Somerville, b Spurge 10

Johnston, b Taylor 13

Goldsmith, b Craik, b Taylor 18

Craik, b Johnston 17

Edwards, not out 11

Lee, b Spurge, b Taylor 1

Sgt. Port, b Taylor 0

Capt. Goldsmith, b Craik 0

Extras 9

Total 64

A.O.C. v. NAVAL YARD.

Played on Saturday on the Naval Ground, Happy Valley, resulting in a win for the Corps.

NAVAL YARD.

R. P. Carter, run out 3

C. Armstrong, b Osman 10

C. Leithbridge, b Osman 10

J. C. Bell, b Osman 10

H. Harding, b Osman 10

F. Bacon, b Osman 21

P. Adams, b Crow, b Osman 8

G. Elliott, not out 0

W. J. Wilson, b Crow, b Osman 0

A. Brock, b Crow, b Osman 0

J. Hutchison, b Osman 11

Extras 11

Total 64

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.

Osman 11 4 31 7

Crow 6 2 13 1

Crew 1 1 0 0

A.O.C.

Corpl. Davidson, b Carter 10

Pte. Crow, b Leithbridge, b Carter 8

Corpl. Osman, b Carter, b Wilcox 18

Corpl. Tully, not out 0

W. J. Wilson, b Carter 17

Sub-Conductor Smith, b Armstrong, b 0

Sail-Conductor Allan, b Carter 23

Pte. Leithbridge, not out 14

E. Smith, Leithbridge, b Adams, b Carter 0

Corpl. Bryant, b Carter 10

Corpl. Greenwell, b Leithbridge, b Wilcox 15

Extras 1

Total 89

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.

Bacon 10 2 29 0

Carter 1 3 26 7

Wilcox 10 2 31 2

Kell 2 0 7 0

POLO.

The final in the last quarterly competition of the year for the Middlesex Cup took place on Saturday afternoon at the Polo Ground, Causeway Bay, in presence of a large attendance.

The finalists were: Buffs—Lieut. Potter; Lieut. Crookenden; Lieut. Green, and Major Eason. R.G.A.—Lieut. Thickness, Captain Brerley, Captain Loring and Lieut. Pinoh. Major-General Broadwood acted as referee.

The first chukka had barely commenced when Green hit a goal, which proved to be the only point of the chukka, despite the dashing play of the Gunners.

The second chukka was even faster, but play was very equal. However, Potter in the last minute drove the ball between the uprights, and the Buffs won by two goals to nil.

The cup has to be won three times in succession or five times in all. The Buffs won it in March, when their team was composed of Captain Brerley, Lieut. Crookenden, Lieut. Green and Lieut. Potter, but in May the Civilians (Messrs. Ross, Hastings, Gedge, and Dupree) won, and again in September (Messrs. Johnston, Gedge, Elwes and Dupree).

At the close of the play, Commodore Lyon called upon His Excellency the Governor to present the cup, and remarked that they had all tried hard to win it, a fact which was all the more to the credit of those who had succeeded.

His Excellency said he had much pleasure in presenting the cup to the winners and hoped they would be lucky enough to win again. He then handed the cup to Major Eason and called for three cheers for the winning team. These having been given, Major Eason called for three cheers for the Gunners, and this concluded the proceedings.

V.R.C. REGATTA.

The annual regatta of the Victoria Recreation Club was held at the Reclamation, Bay View, on Saturday afternoon. The weather was all that could be desired, but the attendance was far from satisfactory, counter attractions no doubt claiming many followers.

A splendid programme of sport was witnessed, quite a number of the rowing races providing close and exciting finishes. The band of the Buffs discoursed selections of music during the afternoon, and His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Captain Mitchell-Taylor, A.D.C., was in attendance shortly after three o

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

A GRAND BAZAAR OF TOYS will be held in the Promises of the CATHOLIC UNION, on SUNDAY, the 19th inst., from 4 to 8 p.m., in aid of CHRISTMAS TREASURES and other Comforts for the Poor.

Admission, 50 CENTS.

Each Ticket will entitle the holder to a Xmas Present, if presented at the Souvenir Stall on the evening of the fête.

The Band of the 13th Rajputs will be in attendance.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1909. [1510]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 20th day of December, 1909, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at corner of Shin Hing Street and Hollywood Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

[1511]

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lots	Lot No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements (Approximate)	Contents	Area	Upst. Price.
1	1	At corner of Shin Hing Street and Hollywood Road	18' 0" x 18' 0" x 18' 0" x 18' 0"	721 sq. ft. (approx.)	12	4,332

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

THE Steamship "CARDIGANSHIRE" Captain W. O. Tyers, will be despatched as above about the 19th January.

For Further Particulars, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1909. [1512]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

THE Steamship "PEMROKESHIRE" Captain R. Hayes, will be despatched as above about the 25th January.

For Freight, or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1909. [1513]

NORDDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "PRINZ SIGISMUND," Captain R. Hayes, who are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 17th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 21st inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1909. [5]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA. (Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "ISCHIA," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Goods by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. Reliable Goods to be taken delivery of immediately.

All Claims must be sent to the Office of the undersigned before 11 a.m. on the 21st inst., or they will not be recognized.

All Claims will be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1909. [4]

INTIMATIONS

BOARD AND RESIDENCE

WANTED BOARD AND RESIDENCE with a European family on one of the Higher Levels.

Replies to—

M. G. R., Care of "Daily Press" Office, Hongkong, 2nd December, 1909. [1476]

NOTICE

MR. P. THOMAS, having been Appointed AGENT for the MESSAGERIES MARITIMES and the CHARGEURS REUNIS at Hongkong, takes charge of the above Companies Agency from this Date.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1909. [1506]

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [1494]

SIEN TING SURGEON DENTIST, No. 10, D'AGUIAR STREET.

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Hongkong, 21st September, 1905. [1221]

DR. M. H. CHAUN.

THE latest Method of the AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY, 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Hongkong, 17th April, 1907. [1152]

FOR SALE OR TO LET.

DEBBINGTON, PEAK ROAD, No. 8, SHORNCLIFFE, Garden Road, 7. For Particulars apply to C. SCHOTTE, King's Buildings, 11th Dec., 1909. [1140]

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WM. SCHMIDT & Co. Hongkong, 26th October, 1906. [1314]

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NOTICE—THIS COAL can only be obtained from THE LABUAN COAL-FIELDS CO., LD., who are prepared to Supply FRESH COAL straight from the Mines Steamers load at the Wharves. Quick despatch Telegrams: "Labor Labuan." BEADLEY & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 12th August, 1909. [1406]

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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD. NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SCRIP CERTIFICATE with respect to 5 Shares numb red 3029/3033 in the above-named Office standing in the name of Mr. CHIN GUAN of Saigon, has been LOST, and should the same not be produced before the 22nd inst., a new Scrip Certificate will be issued to the said Mr. CHIN GUAN, and no transaction taking place under the old Scrip Certificate will be recognised by the Office.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Agents. Hongkong, 7th December, 1909. [1493]

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY, WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE CO. TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1908, £19,121,310.

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Paid-up Capital ... 1,212,500
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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1909. [908]

NOTICE

HAVING been appointed AGENTS in Hongkong for the WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY, we are prepared to accept approved European and Chinese Risks at Current Rates.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, Hongkong, 18th August, 1909. [1083]

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TO LET.

FURNISHED HOUSE at the PEAK, from 1st January to October, 1910. Apply to D. A. W., Care of "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 11th December, 1909. [1507]

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NOS. 52 and 59, CAINE ROAD. Apply to HO U MING, 81, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [1177]

TO LET.

NO. 3 MORRISON HILL. Immediate entry. Apply to MESSRS. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 10th December, 1909. [1500]

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GODOWNS Nos. 7, 8 and 10, and the Top Floor of No. 3, (Ting Lap Ting's Godown East Point). Immediate Possession. Rent exceptionally moderate. Apply to KAM FOOK, No. 107, Wellington Street, behind the Stag Hotel or Keeper of No. 6, Godown on the Spot. Hongkong, 28th May, 1909. [797]

TO LET.

ON the Second Floor, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Central, corner of Joe House Street, SIX COMMODIOUS and AIRY ROOMS, with lavatory and kitchen attached. For terms apply to H. PERCY SMITH, F.C.A., Receiver for L.M. ALVARES & Co., in Voluntary Liquidation, 5, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [1470]

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TO LET.

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TO LET.

IN No. 6, DES VUEX ROAD CENTRAL, ONE GODOWN, IN THE QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria Building, Rooms suitable for Office, ROOMS in College Chambers, No. 31 Wyndham Street. Apply to DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 19th December, 1909. [1054]

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TO LET.

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TO LET.

NO. 2, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, facing the Parade Ground. PREMISES lately vacated by Messrs. Gordon & Co., known as 21, Whitefield, Shauki-wei Road. PREMISES at SHAMSHAN, QANTON, now in occupation of the Canton Kowloon Railway. The BYRLE, No. 13, Peak, Six Rooms, Tennis Court and very Large Garden. BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, 2 Rooms on 1st Floor, well suited for Office. No. 25, SHELLEY STREET (new House). GODOWNS in Duddell Street. HOUSES in BELLIOS TERRACE, Robinson Road, newly painted and color-washed, exceptionally cheap rentals. FOR SALE—FOR CREST, at Peak, commanding a Magnificent View of the Harbour and Adjacent Islands. Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings. Hongkong, 23rd October, 1909. [100]

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TO LET.

NO. 1, GARDEN ROAD, Kowloon. Eight-Roomed House and Tennis Court. Apply to H. M. H. NEMAZEE, 9, Pedder's Hill. Hongkong, 14th August, 1909. [1073]

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WM. DICKSON, Manager. Hongkong, 6th April, 1909. [121]

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EVAN ORMISTON, Manager. Hongkong, 27th April, 1909. [23]

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J. E. M. SMITH, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 13th November, 1909. [20]

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(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER). Capital Subscribed (paid up) ... Yen 5,000,000. Reserve Fund ... Yen 1,500,000.

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HONGKONG OFFICE: 3, DES VUEX ROAD. Interest allowed on Current Accounts. Deposits received on terms which may be had on application. D. TOHLOW, Manager. Hongkong, 10th September, 1909. [1352]

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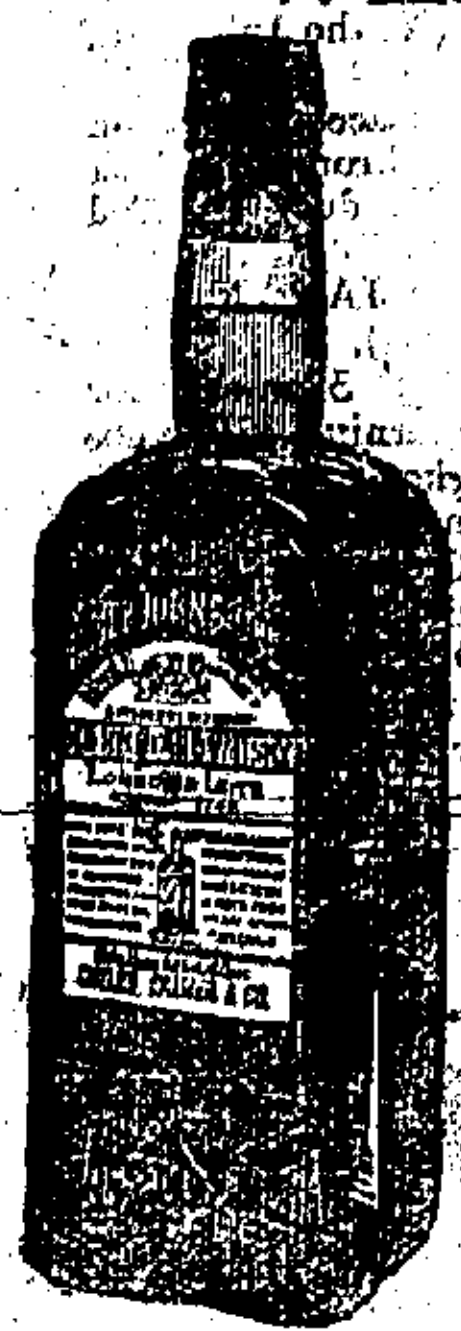
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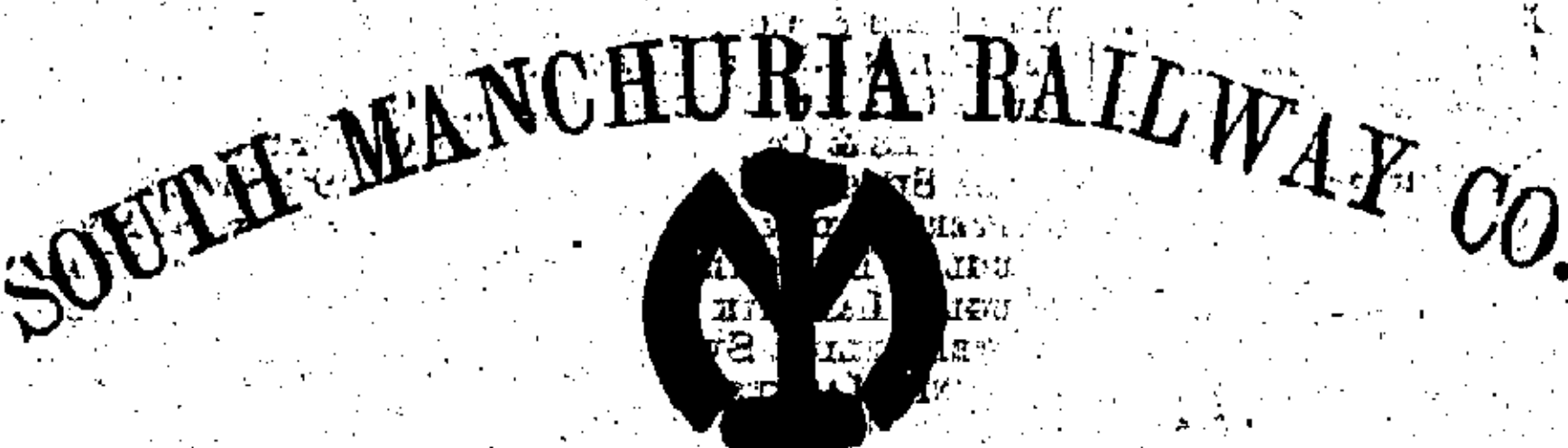
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REVIEWS

China: Its Marvel and Mystery. By T. Hodgson Liddell, R.E.A. With 49 illustrations in colour by the author. London: George Allen and Sons.

It is now many more years than we care to reckon since we interviewed in Hongkong Mr. Mortimer Menpes, the disciple and biographer of Whistler, on the subject of Hongkong and China generally, as a field for artistic exploitation. This disciple of the author of "The Gentle Art of Making Enemies" was quite enthusiastic over some scenes that had come under his notice in the Isle of Fragrant Streams, especially the interiors of certain homes in the west end; and he then expressed a hope that he would be able to return to place on permanent record the impressions he had obtained during a brief visit to the Colony. Mr. Hodgson Liddell does not appear to have found China's chief attraction in impressionistic interiors. Rather has he been impressed by the beautiful landscapes and cloud effects familiar to most of our readers, and by the quaint street life and picturesque buildings of the Celestial Kingdom.

In the preface of his book he writes:—"China is such a vast country, and holds such wealth of beauty and interest, that an artist might spend years and then only have taken the cream from each place. I venture to think that if Europeans could but see more pictures, realistically painted, of the natural and created beauties of that great Empire, they would form a better opinion, not only of the country, but of the civilisation and very high artistic sense of the people. My visit to Japan was but a short one, a holiday after a long spell of hard work in very great heat; but I could not help comparing the two countries artistically, very much (from my point of view) in favour of China." In the chapter on Hongkong, he writes of the wonderful beauty of our sunset, and levitates a beautiful vocabulary on the other natural beauties in which our little island is set. We are not all gifted with the artistic sense, so it is well for some of us to see scenes that have become precious by reason of daily observation and familiarity, through the eyes of an artist like Mr. Liddell. The frontispiece of his book is a view of Hongkong from the harbour, and the same scene is reproduced with fine artistic feeling at the sunset hour when the blue haze that betokens the Chinaman's evening meal throws a mysterious glamour over the red-tiled terraces rising from the sea amid the greenery of the hill-side. Yet one of his most successful pictures is a group of fishing boats on the Pearl River, near Canton—golden sails reflected in the water, brown hills standing out of the haze in the background, and above it all an opalescent sky streaked by the sunlit clouds.

Macao, Shanghai, Soochow, Hangchow, Shanghai and Tientsin all supply subjects for Mr. Liddell's brush, but it is Peking and some of the innermost recesses of the capital that provide the largest number of pictures from any one place. Thanks to the kind offices of certain highly-placed officials, he was permitted by the late Empress Dowager to penetrate the sacred precincts of the Summer Palace. The Lama Temple at Peking also lent itself to artistic treatment. Notwithstanding the limitations in art reproduction, there could be nothing finer than the pictures of the Fallan in the Lama Temple or the Pavilion of the late Empress Dowager and the Marble Junc in the Summer Palace, and Mr. Liddell is to be congratulated not only on his own treatment of those and other subjects, but on the success of those who have co-operated with him in the technical work of reproducing his pictures.

Even in the present time of financial depression the artist ought to find a ready sale for the originals of these illustrations, which are by far the best we have seen in any of the numerous books on China. Of the letterpress of the book, we cannot write in such terms of unreserved praise. We do not think that Mr. Liddell aims at any high literary standard. He gives his impression as a globe-trotter, and the globe-trotter, as Dr. James Cantlie once reminded us, has his uses, one of them being to bring to the notice of the inhabitants of a place customs and peculiarities that escape our dulled and familiarised perceptions. But this apart, his contribution to the literature on China has little to recommend it. Of course, we write with a knowledge of things Chinese; others who have no such knowledge may find the information and impressions more entertaining. The pictures, however, are the chief feature of the book, and we are confident that in Hongkong and the Treaty Ports of China the work will be in brisk demand.

Sugar, a Handbook for Planters and Refiners. By J. and B. NEWLANDS. London: E. & F. N. Spon, Ltd.

This is an excellent work of reference for those interested in the sugar industry. In an introduction is given a comprehensive list of works relating to the subject. The cultivation of the plant is first considered and a description of the most approved canes is given in much detail. Speaking of the Chinese sugar-cane the writers say that it "possesses the advantage of being so hard and solid as to resist the force of the white ant and the teeth of the jackal—two great enemies to the East Indian sugar plantation." Cane soils and suitable manures for such, the diseases and enemies of the cane, and the yields of the various varieties are all treated carefully. Then are considered the composition of the juice and a synopsis is given of the various operations gone through in preparing sugar from it. In the extraction of the juice the various appliances are described and some carefully drawn pieces of plant add considerably to the usefulness of the description. Bogass burning is scientifically treated. Then follow chapters on defecation and clarification, concentration and granulation, curing, and one

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which gives a few representations of complete factories of various kinds. In this chapter is given a useful place from which a glance can be seen the general arrangement of a model sugar factory. Descriptions are given of various sugars, as palm, maple, melon, purghum, sterculi, and beet, the last being fully treated. In the portion relating to sugar refining is collected a number of processes patented in recent years for the purification of sugar juices; raw sugar solutions, and molasses. The analysis of sugar, the production of rum and other alcoholic spirits are treated well and thoroughly. Those interested in statistics will find the concluding chapter interesting and instructive, particulars being given of the production and commerce of most sugar-growing countries.

Modern Woman and How to Manage Her. By WALTER M. GALLAGHAN. London: T. Werner Laurie.

We have not read this book; we seldom do read books of this class sent to us for review, although, following a practice similar to that of the Edinburgh Justices, who are said to have first changed a man and then tried him, we sometimes do read one after having written a notice of it, and then, of course, always find that our estimate of the merits of the book was quite correct. But we have looked at a page or two of "Modern Woman," and that has been quite enough to enable us to say that it is by no means one of the numerous class "made to sell." It is well written; not lacking in originality, and the author's views are broad, possibly too "modern" for some of those who hold that "woman is the lesser man," and desire to keep her, figuratively, under lock and key. He says:—

"Do not imagine, O man, that your long supremacy can endure for ever. You will fare ill in this encounter unless you calmly recognise that the only way to manage the determined militant woman is by arbitration, and compromise. You can't manage her with a club. She never was managed with a club. Ask the nearest savage if I am wrong. You have fostered in woman an art of cunning with which no living man can cope in the long-run."

If Mr. Gallagher's book succeeds in its endeavour it will have accomplished a revolution greater than the most enthusiastic suffragette ever dreamt of. The reviewer's own observation—we must not say experience—of fully half a century convinces him that man never has known, and never will know how to manage women; whereas woman instinctively knows how to manage men; and as a rule can twist them round her little finger. But this book will help persons of both sexes to the better management of those of the other without their letting it be known that they are managing or trying to manage.

A Secretary of Legation. A Tale of Zafra. By HORN DAWKINS. Hongkong: Kelly and Walsh, Ltd.

This is a new edition of a well-written and very fascinating book with an Eastern setting. It is the story of a young Secretary who has had some unfortunate roulette experiences in Europe, and welcomes his transference to Zafra (somewhere in the Far East) as a release from the spell of the table. He gets the surprise of his life when he arrives in Zafra and finds that the wife of the First Secretary is the charming syren who formerly kept the salon and lured him on to his impoverishment. They enter at once into a compact to keep their previous acquaintance, a profound secret, but as the story develops we find the young Secretary playing for the lady at a friend's roulette table and later being commissioned by her to bet on the roulette, but as he prefers to set on his own judgment rather than on her instructions, and hides the fact from her when he has lost heavily through disobedience of her commands, the unfortunate Secretary eventually becomes heavily involved in debts of honour from which, however, he is happily extricated in the end. Intermixed with these episodes is the young Secretary's love story, and a number of characters are introduced and cleverly portrayed. Nothing is more delightfully entertaining in the book than the account which is given of the elderly spinster who falls in love with the young Secretary on the way out, and of this lady's encounters with a vicious young American widow who joins the ship and secures a large share of the young Secretary's attentions, and renews the acquaintanceship of both the elderly spinster and the handsome young Secretary some little time after he has been installed in Zafra. That the bride is neither of these two heightens the interest of the story. The book is one which maintains its interest from beginning to end.

FOREIGNERS AND THE INCOME TAX.

Under the above heading, Mr. F. F. Mathison, of 15, Cornhill Avenue, E.C., writes a lengthy letter. May it not be worth while to consider what is likely to be the effect, he writes, of the continued high income-tax which has to be paid by foreigners holding English securities, and the super-tax perhaps in addition, on the working of concessions and businesses abroad by English companies?

"According to the Finance Bill no exemption, abatement, or relief in respect of the tax shall be given unless the person claiming is resident in the United Kingdom or employed in the service of the Crown abroad; income tax shall not be payable, however, in respect of the interest on any securities of a foreign State or a British possession which are payable in the United Kingdom, where it is proved that the owners of the securities do not reside in the United Kingdom."

"To take a concrete case of concession, that of the Antofagasta and Bolivia Railway; this is worked by an English Joint Stock Company with offices and a board of directors in London; it is believed there are large Chilean stockholders, any of whom, with dividends and interest amounting to \$5,000 per annum, will have income tax and should have super-tax deducted from his proportion at the rate of 1s. 5d. per £1, or nearly 7½ per cent, and still higher rate for a larger income."

"There are other foreign railways similarly worked, more especially in Argentina, large blocks of whose stocks are held by or for Argentines, in which cases much money might be saved them by insisting that the management should be carried on by Argentine companies, instead of English ones. It may be that English companies could have their offices removed to the other side of the world, and local directors appointed there, as has been done in the case of Henry Clay and Beck and Co. (Limited), so that the dividends could be paid out by warrants to foreign bankers, and the funds placed out of reach of the Inland Revenue authorities."

"There are probably French shareholders in the Aux Cluses Laborieuses, American in California Oilfields, Australians in Petroleum, Lasing and Braco, South Africans in the Durban Roadport Gold Mine, Canadians in Calgary and Edmonton Land, and so on, all of whom have the tax deducted before they receive their dividends; the colonial or foreign vendors or concessionaires who receive the purchase price, or part of it, in scrip may well consider whether it is not better to sell to some other than an English group for the formation of a company, as has been done in the cases of the Mexican Light and Power, the Brazil Railway Company, and others. The revenue will lose the Somerset House fees, and workpeople the chance of making machinery and other requirements, and a dividend will lose positions in London and the other large towns."

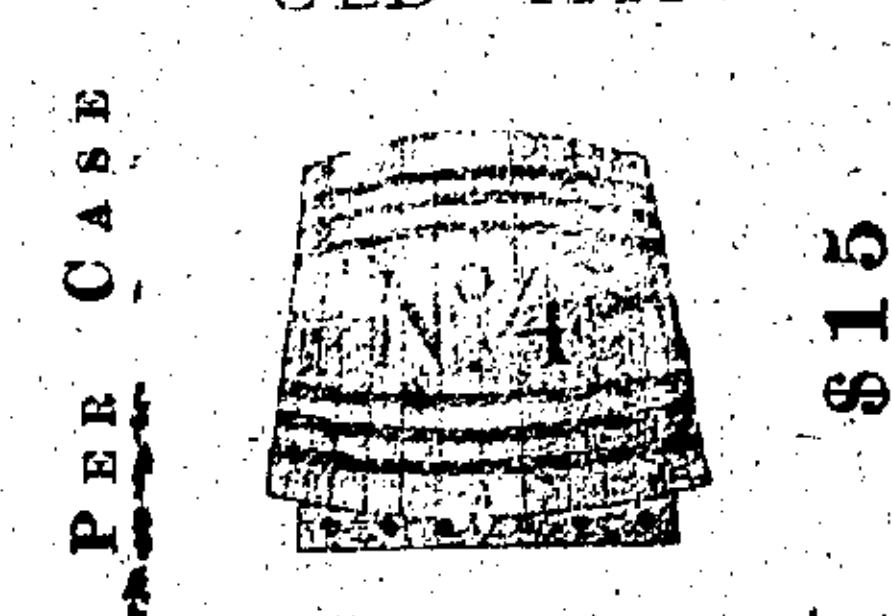
"In addition to the class of company I have referred to, there are others, such as the different South African gold mines which have offices or agents here, with foreigners or their nominees here on the register, who have hitherto received dividends less the income tax; in their case, and especially if the majority of the shareholders are not English, it will be easy to remove the offices or agencies to the Continent or to the place where their properties are situated."

"It may be said that it will be difficult to get the super-tax from foreigners, the only words which seem to apply to them in the Finance Bill being 'It shall be the duty of every person chargeable with the super-tax to give notice that he is chargeable to the Special Commissioners, etc., and even if they can be made to pay once and hold exclusively English securities they will be able to sell enough to bring their total income to less than the £5,000."

"Besides the loss of income tax on foreigners which may be brought about by the means shown above, a method seems to have been devised in the Irish Land Bill by which tenants for life of properties sold, will be able to avoid the tax; they will be able to get the proceeds invested, with the sanction of the Public Trustee for Ireland, in debentures and bonds of American railways, so that if they live abroad the coupons will only have to send them the coupons to be collected through foreign bankers, from America."

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TJIMAH	JAPAN	Second half of Dec.	JAVA	Second half of Dec.
TJILATJAP	JAVA	First half of Jan.	JAPAN	Second half of Jan.
TJILIWONG	JAVA	First half of Jan.	SHANGHAI	Second half of Jan.

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian Ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Yok Buildings, 1st Floor.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1909.

Telephone No. 375.

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1910.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES AND LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR
COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS to COLOMBO	Leave HONGKONG	Connecting Steamer from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES & LONDON	Due MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	Due LONDON (1 day later)
Steamer Tons	P.M. SATURDAY	Steamer Tons	SATURDAY	FRIDAY
ARCADIA 7000	February 5	MANITIA 11000	March 5	March 11
ASSAYE 7500	February 19	CHINA 8000	March 19	March 25
DELTA 8000	March 5	MAIWA 11000	April 2	April 8
MACEDONIA 10500	March 19	(Through Steamer calling at Bombay)	April 16	April 22
DEVANHA 8000	April 2	MONGOLIA 10000	April 30	May 6
ASSAYE 8000	April 16	MARSHALLA 10000	May 14	May 20
DELTA 7500	April 30	NORE 11000	May 28	June 3
DELHI 8000	May 14	MOUL PAN 10000	June 11	June 18

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID.

Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong or at the time of Booking.

FARES TO LONDON (including Surtax):

1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE. £106.14 RETURN.

2nd " 44.8 " " 72.12 "

In addition to the above "Mail Steamers" the following—

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CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

STEAMERS	Leave HONGKONG	Due LONDON
* SYRIA	January 26	March 12
* SUMATRA	February 9	March 26
* NYANZA	February 23	April 9
* SUNDI	March 6	May 7
* MALTA	March 20	June 4
* SARDINIA	April 3	June 18
* NORE	April 18	July 2

These Steamers call also at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and at MARSEILLES

FARES TO LONDON (including Surtax):

1st SALOON £55.00 SINGLE. £82.10 RETURN.

2nd " 33.10 " " 57.4 "

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